



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Nagasawa et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from January 21, 2003 to April 21, 2003 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) is believed to be \$930.00 for a three-month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 1286. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

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